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TAGS: MARR,DA,VS

SUBJECT: DANISH COMMENT ON REPLACEMENT OF CANADA ON ICCS

1. DURING JULY 24 COURTESY CALL, DANISH CHARGE EGE TOLD ME HE, ALONG WITH DANISH AMBASSADORS AT WARSAW, OTTAWA AND BUDAPEST, HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INQUIRE ABOUT HOST GOVERNMENTS' EXPERIENCES IN ICCS. ACCORDINGLY, EGE SAID, HE HAD RAISED MATTER WITH GOI, EMPHASIZING THAT DANISH GOVERNMENT HAD NEITHER BEEN ASKED TO ACCEPT NOR WAS IT SEEKING AN ICCS ROLE. INQUIRY WAS INTENDED ONLY TO PREPARE DENMARK'S STANDBY PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN CASE IT SHOULD BE CALLED UPON TO SERVE IN VIETNAM.

2. EGE SAID COLONEL ADENAN, DIRECTOR OF ASIA AND PACIFIC DIRECTORATE IN FOREIGN DEPARTMENT, TOLD HIM HE WAS WELCOME TO TALK TO MEMBERS OF INDONESIAN ICCS CONTINGENT CURRENTLY BEING ROTATED BACK FROM VIETNAM. EGE ASKED ADENAN IF GOI WERE LOOKING FOR REPLACEMENT FOR CANADA. ADENAN REPLIED IN NEGATIVE AND ADDED INDONESIA WILLING ACCEPT WHATEVER COUNTRY IS SELECTED. ADENAN ASSERTED INDONESIA WOULD REMAIN IN VIETNAM EVEN IF ONE OF OTHER MEMBERS OF ICCS WITHDREW.

3. EGE ASKED ME IF THIS WAS FULL AND HONEST STATEMENT OF GOI POSITION AS WE UNDERSTOOD IT. I SAID I BELIEVE IT WAS, AND ADDED THAT WHILE THERE HAD BEEN SOME TALK OF WITHDRAWAL BY ANOTHER MEMBER, USG AND, I BELIEVED,

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INDONESIA TOO CONSIDERED FOUR-MEMBER ICCS PREFERABLE

TO TWO-MEMBER BODY, NOTING LANGUAGE OF ICCS PROTOCOL.

4. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT REPEAT TO OTHER INTERESTED POSTS
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